GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAS BASED ENGINES FOR SMALL BOATS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given clearance for commercial use of out board gas-based engines for small boats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the cost of fuel for small fishing boats is expected to be minimized by such engines;

(d) if so, the present commercial status of such engines;

(e) whether the Government has any programme to promote such ventures; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b): The Government has recognized the use of LPG Kit by fisherman in the outboard engine of fishing boats subject to the satisfaction of conditions stipulated by Directorate General of Shipping in this regard.

(c)&(d): Government has looked at the LPG Kit from safety point of view only and not from the point of view of fuel efficiency. It is entirely up to the user (fisherman) to take a view on fuel efficiency aspect and decide on its use.

(e): No ,Sir.

(f): Does not arise.